न्यायाधीश पदासीन हैं, शेष 3 अपर न्याय-न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद भरे जाने हैं। उच्च न्यायालय में रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए सांविधानिक प्राधिकारियों के साथ परामर्श की प्रक्रिया चल रही है किन्तु यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि ये पद कब तक भर लिए जाऐंगे ।

Pending cases in Delhi High Court

1823. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which are pending in the Delhi High Court for more than ten years;

(b) the time likely to be taken for the disposal of the above cases; and

(c) what steps are being taken for the expeditious, disposal of the cases pending for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The number of cases pending in the Delhi High Court for more than 10 years as on 31-12-91 was 13,606.

(b) and (c) Delhi High Court has taken various steps to speed up the disposal of cases, such as grouping of cases involving common question of law, giving priority to cases requiring quick disposal, organising Lok Adalats, etc. The oldest cases are being exclusively listed during one whole week every month so as to expedite the disposal of these casen. It is not, however, practicable to estimate the time limit by which the cases would be disposed.

Reduction in the period of electionering

1824. SHRI S.K.T, RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any roposal under Government's consideration to amend the laws suitably so that the interval bet ween the first date of filing nomination of candidates and the date of poll i: reduced to within fifteen days to enabb the candidates and the Government to minimise expenditure; and

(b) if not, wht are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICES AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to reduce the interval between the last date for withdrawal and the date of poll to 14 days is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Action against Companies

1825. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have recently stated that penal action, would be taken against companies, their promoters and their intermediaries who are misusing the provision of private placement of shares;

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued in this respect to the companies;

(c) whether any of the company has been found violating the said instructions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a)and (b) Yes, Sir. Vide Press Note issued by the Department of

Company Affairs on 6.7.92 in the context of tde provisions of Section 67(3) of the Companies Act, 1956, companies promoters and intermediaries have been advised that the so called 'private' placement by companies of shares by utilising the services of brokers and other intermediaries, inserting advertisements in the print media, mass mailng literature, floating rights of renunciation in the market by companies themselves and charging unofficial premia from the investing public are serious contraventions of tde Companies Act and will invite penal action.

(c) and (d) Allegations against certain companies for violating the provisions relating to private placement of shares have come to the notice of the Government and after examining the cases, action as warranted under the law shall be taken.

Vacant posts of lodges in High Courts

1826. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL; Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of judges in each of the High Courts of Jaipur and and Bhubaneshwar as on 30.6.1992;

(b) wdat is the number of Judges in each of the two High Courts at present; and

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up and the dates from which these vacancies have arisen?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKAR REDDY); (a) to (c) The position as on 30.6.92, in respect of Rajasthan and Orissa High Courts was as follows:—•

High Court	Sanction-ed strength	Judges in position vacant.	Vacancies and dates from which lying	
Rajasthan	25	25	2	5.1.92 15.6.92
Orissa	14	13	1	22.6.92

The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies in these High Courts, in on. It is not possible to indicate when these vacancies will be filled up.

Legal Aid Programme in Andhra Pradesh

1827. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited in Andhra Pradesh so far through court oriented legal aid programme;

(b) what is the break-up of such persons belonging to SC|ST, BC women and children;

(c) wlwt are the norms laid down by CHAS to get free legal aid;

(d) whether there is any proposal to enhance the income limit for this;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) On the basis of the information available, as on 1st June, 1992, 15,796 persons have been benefited in Andhra Pradesh through court oriented Legal Aid Programme.